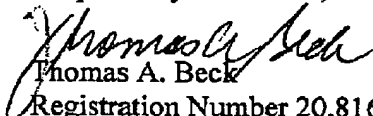


### REMARKS

The Examiner is requested to pass this case to issue with Claim 16 serving as the allowed claim. Applicants reserve their right to file a continuation application to cover the non-allowed claims.

Respectfully Submitted,

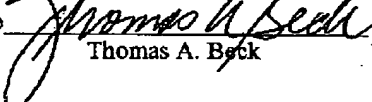
  
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